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My dear Fr^d
Geo: F. Story

I have to acknowledge the rec^t.
of the Board's Case, which was rec^d. in 5th mo.
but from some cause or other nearly all the
plants were dead. I think they had been too moist
and had had too much sun upon them. Only one
Gunnera was living, and some Wood-lice fell upon
it and eat out its eye. We preserved a piece of
Sambucus littoralis, two Orchideous plants which lay
at the top, *Holypodium*, *Billardiera* & *Adiantum*
glabellatum, all of which are growing. - The hole
at the bottom of the case is intended to drain off
the water when the case has been filled with
earth & the earth saturated before the pots
are plunged in it. The hole is then plugged up. -
I doubt if the clay is not too impervious to mois-
ture, & I do not think it a good vehicle for seeds.
they can scarcely be got out again. So far as my
experience goes seeds travel well in papers, or
in muslin or calico bags in boxes not too air-tight
in the cabin. Exposure to the steam of the upper
part of the hold is destructive to them. They are

best near the floor, yet quite out of the way of wet; probably the elevation of a chronometer would be best. Sent in letters, in muslin bags, seeds come well. We have raised a crop of what was sent for *Platycheilum belsianum*, and what I hope will prove it, but its young leaves are rather rounder than I recollect to have seen it. — Plants are best if established in pots before being put into the case. — We purpose sending thee another after a while & hope it will have better success. — We ought to have mentioned that *Dendrobium Pierardi* often sheds its leaves and remains dormant for many months: we have had it without any appearance of vegetation for more than a year. — Your high mountain plants are desirable to us, especially those which are showy in flower. — Sir W. J. Hooker says he has had Ferns from B. D. L. packed in a box in nearly dry moss. Couldst thou send us any in this way? We have *Adiantum affine* in addition to the two above-mentioned. I think it quite possible Gunnera might likewise survive the voyage packed in moss, in an air-tight box. —

I have recd. a letter from G. W. Walker I think
since I wrote, as has also Josiah Forster. G. Ben-
nington has likewise had letters from him. Peter
Bedford has lately had one from A. C. Flower, from
Lannceston. he joins me in the hope that F.R.Ds of
your Mo: Mag: will deal tenderly with ~~Abu~~ feeling
for the trying situation in which he has been placed,
and for his constitutional peculiarities, which claim
in some other members of his family, great allowance.
It is very important in disciplinary proceedings to keep
in mind the apostolic remembrance, "Remembering
thyself, lest thou also be tempted." — I shall be glad
if thou find thyself comfortable in thy berth
in the Botanic Garden, as I think it will suit thy
taste. — I am writing rather hastily being on the
eve of leaving home on a religious visit, part of wh
I have accomplished at intervals, and for which I have
had a minute more than half a year. Several F.R.Ds
in the ministry are moving up and down in this
country, but I conclude you will be made acquainted
with such proceedings by the British Friend.

My love is to my F.R.Ds generally at Hobart Town
& in Swan Port. It is long since I wrote to F. Cotton, but
I now have my hands very full, so he must excuse me
a while longer. I remain affly
thy frd
Jas Backhouse